

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

TICK AND MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the N.C. Division of Public Health, citizens across the state can experience serious infections resulting in lengthy illnesses, hospitalization, disability and even death as the result of bites from ticks and mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, North Carolina is one of the two states with the highest number of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Public Health, in 2006 there were 842 reported cases of the tick-borne illness Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Public Health, in 2006 there were 57 reported cases of the tick-borne disease Ehrlichiosis and 30 reported cases of the tick-borne illness Lyme Disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Public Health, the mosquito-borne illnesses – Lacrosse encephalitis, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis – have all been found in North Carolina, making people seriously ill and causing death; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Public Health, North Carolinians can protect themselves and their families from tick-borne and mosquito-borne illness by wearing clothing that covers as much of their skin as possible, wearing insect repellent and checking carefully for tick bites after going outside; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Environmental Health, North Carolinians can make their backyard environment less tick-friendly by keeping grass short and removing plants that attract wild animals like deer and rodents that carry ticks; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Environmental Health, North Carolinians can make their backyard environment less mosquito-friendly by removing any containers that hold water; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Divisions of Public Health and Environmental Health, as well as local public health departments, are working this summer to help protect North Carolinians from these illnesses by education and research in the field;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby proclaim April 23-28, 2007, "**TICK AND MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and encourage North Carolinians to be aware that these illnesses can be prevented by taking personal protection measures and making our surroundings less friendly to ticks and mosquitoes.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at Raleigh this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.